

Sample Pet Notice

If you have pets with fur/feathers at your facility and want to obtain 5 stars, you must include a notice in your contract with parents. You are not required to use this specific notice, it is provided as a sample. You may develop your own notice as long as it meets the following requirements:

1. Makes parents aware of the number and type of pets at your facility
2. Explains to parents that pets with fur can potentially cause allergy/asthma attacks
3. Tells parents about the steps you're taking to reduce pet allergens
4. Encourages parents to talk to their physician about how pets may affect their child's health

I _____, parent/legal guardian of _____ (child) am fully aware that _____ (childcare facility) has two indoor/outdoor cats, and that animal dander can potentially be a problem for young children with asthma and/or allergies. I have been informed and assured that both cats are current with all vaccinations, and that animal cages and litter boxes are cleaned no less than three times a week and are out of the reach of the children. Outdoor pets are not allowed in the children's outside play areas. I have also been assured that my child's hands are washed after playing with the animals.

To help protect the children, carpets are vacuumed daily with a HEPA-filter vacuum and an allergy filter has been installed in the furnace, which helps reduce 98% of airborne allergens.

I have fully read the above information and have discussed it with my child's physician and feel this is not a concern for my child. I give permission for _____ (child) to play with and handle the cats under proper supervision which follows state guidelines.

Parent/Legal Guardian

Physician

Date

***This sample pet notice was revised from a notice developed by 5-Star recipient, Polk's Little Folks.**